in the prices is proposed and since when?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The proposal is still at conceptual stage.

Capacity of Telephone Exchange at Tadepalligudem

609. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of the telephone exchange at Tadepalligudem in West Godavari;

(b) the extent of utilisation of this capacity;

(c) whether there is any waiting list for phone under Tadepalligudem exchange; and

(d) the details of the demand which exists for phone connections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) 3000 Lines.

(b) 97.2%.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The waiting list details as on 31.10.96 are as follows:—

Category	No of applications
OYT	5
NON-OYT-Special	18
NON-OYT-General	974

Diverting Surplus Water of Brahmaputra

610. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheter Government of India have any plan to divert the surplus water of Brahmaputra river to the arid areas of Manipur through the Barah River; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to undertake a study in this regard by the Central Water Commission or any proposal from the Brahmaputra River Board for the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) No plans have either been prepared or proposed for study by agencies of the Government of India for diversion of Brahmaputra waters into the territory of Manipur through any river including Barah river.

PCO Facilities in Post Offices in Maharashtra

611. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the post offices in the rural areas of Maharashtra have been covered with PCO facilities as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government propose to cover all the post offices with PCO facilities in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 10947 Post Offices have been provided with P.C.O. facilities.

(c) N/A.

विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों की जनगणना

612. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विदेश मंत्री 17 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 429 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत के साथ राजनयिक संबंधों वाले देशों में कुल कितने भारतीय नागरिक निवास कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) क्या ऐसे प्रवासी भारतीय नागरिकों के संबंध में कोई नियमित जनगणना की जाती है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल): (क) विदेश स्थित मिशनों के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार भारत के साथ राजनयिक संबंध रखने वाले देशों में रह रहे भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों की संख्या लगभग 5 मिलियन है।

(ख) ऐसे प्रवासी नागरिकों की जनगणना करने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। तथापि, भारतीय संघों, स्थानीय सरकारी अभिकरणों द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई सूचना और मिशनों में अपने आपको पंजीकृत कराने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों की संख्या के आंकडों के आधार पर विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशन भारतीय नागरिकों की संख्या का अनुमान लगाते हैं।

Details of Package from Prime Minister to Assam for diferent sectors

613. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of package for Assam as announced by Prime Minster in different sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HTE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): A copy of the Extract of the Statement, relating to Assam, made by the Prime Minister at Guwahati on October 27, 1996, which contains the requisite information, is given as Annexure. *[See Appendix 179, Annexure No. 15].*

Commercial Exploitation of Land Belonging to Ministry of Surface Transport

614. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of commercial exploitation of land has been cleared;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the same is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Earlier it was proposed to utilise DTC land in Delhi and the Calcutta Port Trust land in Culcutta for commercial exploitaion. However, no decision could be finally taken in this regard. The administrative control of DTC has been transferred to the Government of National Capital Territory with effect from 5.8.1996. Hence, the question of utilisation of DTC land in Delhi by the Ministry of Surface Transport now does not arise.

In the case of the land of Calcutta Port Trust also, its commercial exploitation is not now proposed to be made since it has been decided to utilise the Port Trust land for the purpose and requirements of the Calcutta Port Trust.

Police Firing in Mahavir Enclave

615. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons were killed and a number of persons were injured in police firing recently in Mahavir Enclave of of Dabri area in South-West Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have inquired into the circumstances leading to the police firing; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An operation for demolition of certain unauthorisedly built structures on Gram Sabha land of village Nasirpur was carried out on 14.10.1996. As the operation could not be concluded on the same day, it was decided to demolish the remaining structures on the following day. However, before the demolition could be resumed, a large mob assembled near the Police Station Dabri early in the morning to protest against further demolition. This mob was dispersed but some miscreants from the retreating mob indulged in arson and violence. At Vijay Enclave, a huge mob surrounded a police party which being